

Community Partnerships

Underwood Foundation



Underwood GT Magnet
ELEMENTARY FOUNDATION

Establishing a foundation allows members of the community to support funding stability for our school, preserving the components essential to our school's success. The mission of the Underwood Foundation is to maintain the excellence of our school program by supporting initiatives which recruit and retain quality teachers, enable and bolster rich instructional programming, and sustain the educational environment.

Underwood PTA



The Underwood PTA is an active group of volunteers engaged and focused on helping support our staff and teachers and to offer program & event opportunities for all students. The goal of the PTA is to provide services and assistance that our students need in order to receive the best possible education and to be a part of the decision making process that affects students.

NC State Student Teachers



NC State has partnered with Underwood to provide field experience for Student Teachers. This opportunity allows for the Student Teachers to utilize and develop their knowledge through ongoing relationships they develop with the school. Their expertise, current knowledge and ideas allow our staff to stay abreast to current trends in the academic world of Education.



YMCA

Underwood currently has an on-site after school program run by the YMCA. The program starts immediately after school and closes at 6:00pm.

Y-Learning



The Y-Learning program at Underwood takes place afterschool for select first through fifth grade students. It provides a structured tutorial program for students to help them achieve grade level benchmarks. The YMCA works with schools, teachers and school counselors to identify students who could benefit from this program.

CAM Raleigh



The student docent program is available to fifth grade students and is designed to equip them with the necessary skills to discover and connect with contemporary art and design. The docents attend a series of afterschool sessions with a Museum Educator. Training sessions use an inquiry-based approach to teach students the skills needed to decode and analyze works of art featured in CAM Raleigh's exhibitions. When training is complete, these young docents use the same approach to engage museum visitors in a conversation about the work on view.



Junior Achievement

Community-trained volunteers are working with select first and third grade students through a hands-on program to teach them about the workforce. These volunteers bring their own experiences to enrich the curriculum they have been trained to teach.



Broughton High School

Juniors and Seniors at BHS who are enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Course complete their field study experience at Underwood. This authentic experience allows the Interns to work directly with students and gain insight into the teaching profession.



TEK Enrichment

Teaching Enrichment for Kids partners with Underwood teachers to provide enriching and entertaining after school clubs on school campuses. These clubs meet once a week afterschool for 6 weeks, with sessions in the Fall and the Spring.



Play-Well Enrichment

In this afterschool opportunity, students explore concepts in physics, architecture, mechanical and structural engineering. Collaboratively students find inventive solutions in a fun-filled context that supports the growth of young minds through hands-on, minds-on learning. Clubs meet once a week afterschool for 8 weeks, with sessions in the Fall and the Spring.



First Tee

The First Tee National School Program integrates golf motor skill development with character education and wellness. It's a winning combination! Underwood students have gone on a Stem Field Trip to Lonnie Pool Golf Course where they learned more about golf and sustainability.

Carolina Hurricanes



The program equip students with basic hockey game-play knowledge and fundamental skill instruction. The Canes have hosted programs in a number of elementary and middle schools in the area for the past several years and have had considerable success in teaching the sport of hockey to students. We have had professional hockey players visit Underwood and sign autographs. We also won a grant that provided Underwood with new hockey sticks.

First in Fitness



Established by a former elementary physical education teacher, over 50 elementary schools participate in First in Fitness by sending teams of students to compete in a variety of fitness events including the mile run, pull-ups, one-minute jump rope, shuttle run, long jump, 100-yard dash, a modified triathlon, and other track and field events.

Jump Rope for Heart



Through Jump Rope For Heart kids learn jump rope skills, how their heart works and raise money to help kids with special hearts. Students have fun, learn how to stay healthy and make a difference in the lives of others!



Special Olympics

Special Olympics Wake County partners with the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. With over 1,600 athletes training and competing year-round in Wake County, the local program is among the largest and most active in North Carolina. Special Olympics events are held in December at Parks & Rec and in April at Ravenscroft School.



Safety Patrol

Our Safety Patrol team is a group of responsible 5th grade leaders selected to assist with morning carpool. Younger students look up to Safety Patrol members for assistance and to keep them safe. Applications are distributed to rising 5th graders toward the end of their 4th grade school year. Safety Patrol members are to act responsibly and maturely and to arrive on time for the academic year.



Girls on the Run

Inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Meeting twice a week in small teams, we teach life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches and includes three parts: understanding ourselves, valuing relationships and teamwork and understanding how we connect with and shape the world at large.



Hayes Barton Baptist Church 5K

Hayes Barton Baptist Church presents the Fourth Annual Five Points 5K/Health Fair. The proceeds will benefit local Five Points Elementary Schools like Underwood Elementary and money is used to buy equipment for our PE program.

Five Points Business District Association

The Five Points Business District Association is a non-profit merchants association with the purpose of organizing, supporting, encouraging, and motivating about 60 merchants, service providers, food and beverage destination establishments, shops, and commercial businesses.



Partners Read

Volunteers from businesses or community organizations have the unique opportunity to develop one-on-one relationships with Wake County students through Partners Read, as they help them increase confidence and enjoyment in reading. Additionally, students add the books that they have read with their partners to their personal libraries.



African American Read-In

Underwood has enjoyed a partnership with Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for 15 years. The program, "Alpha Readers" occurs on the last Friday in February when members of the Fraternity visit Underwood classrooms to read and discuss books about and by African Americans. This program is part of the NCTE African American Read In. 400 Participants including readers, teachers and students are involved in this initiative.